Subletting of covered area by NGOs

5298. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the covered occupied area can be sub-let by an NGO occupying the land leased to it by Land and Development Office;

(b) the number of NGOs who have sublet the area in excess of what is prescribed by law in Delhi; and

(c) the names of such organisations alongwith the percentage of areas sublet by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Re-entry of Institutional land by L&DO in Delhi

5299. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutional lands in Delhi which have been re-entered by his Department alongwith the details of their names, the year of re-entry and the arrears of lease money/damages due against each;

(b) the steps his Ministry has taken against them and the outcome thereof;

(c) the details of public notices of re-entry issued by the Land and development Office in the news-paper in respect of each case, date-wise; and

(d) the details in each case of the amount charged by the Department for institutional misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Taking over of Rajghat Land

5300. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Union Ministry seeks Rajghat land takeover" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 9th March, 2000;

(b) whether he has highlighted complete neglect of Rajghat Samadhi area which houses the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation;

(c) if so, whether Government have agreed to hand over the 58 acre sprawling Rajghat ground area to his Ministry;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps are being taken to maintain the Samadhi as a living memorial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has been decided that except for the main Samadhi and the VVIP route leading to the Samadhi which would continue to be managed/ maintained by the Rajghat Samadhi Committee, the remaining area would be directly maintained by the Govt. with a view to ensuring effective development and improvement of the area.

(d) and (e) Government would take whatever steps are necessary to improve the condition in all its aspect.

Slums an Environmental Hazard

5301. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Urban areas slums are on the increase;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Dharavi in Maharashtra is considered to be the Asia's largest slum;

(c) whether Government are convinced that expansion of slum is an environmental hazard, besides being a cause for other problems; and

(d) whether Government propose to evolve a national scheme in this regard for implementation in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra have reported that Dharavi is considered the largest slum in Mumbai. However, no reliable data is available regarding the relative size of slums in Asia.

(c) Yes Sir, among other problems slums pose an environmental hazard too.